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State, feds reach agreement with ConocoPhillips

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality announced today that it has joined federal, state and local agencies in a settlement with ConocoPhillips Company. The agreement calls for ConocoPhillips to pay \$625,000 as a civil penalty to the state.

The company will also donate \$400,000 to DEQ to support the recycling or disposal of household hazardous waste materials at selected locations throughout the state. The donation is known as a beneficial environmental project and is part of the settlement.

The company is responsible for making reductions at the Alliance Refinery in Belle Chase. Those reductions are estimated at more than 3,000 tons per year of sulfur oxides and more than 2,800 tons per year of nitrogen oxides.

The company will make an investment of several million dollars in state-of-the-art controls to reduce emission of sulfur oxides and nitrogen oxides at the Alliance Refinery.

Eight other refineries throughout California, Illinois, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington are also scheduled to reduce air emissions as part of the settlement that was coordinated with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Justice Department.

The Alliance Refinery's violations primarily stem from volatile organic compound leak detection and repair issues.